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SUMMARY

1. (C) IN A MAY 18 CONVERSATION WITH UNPROFOR
OFFICIAL MIKAEL MAGNUSSON, MAGNUSSON SAID THAT WHILE
CROATIAN FORCES WERE HOLDING TO AGREEMENTS IN SECTOR
EAST, THE JNA APPEARED TO BE BENDING THE AGREED
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TIMETABLE. CROATIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES WERE UPSET BY
REPORTS OF AN EXTENSION GRANTED TO THE JNA BY
UNPROFOR TO WITHDRAW JNA HEAVY ARTILLERY FROM SECTOR
EAST. MEANWHILE, CROATIAN VICE PRESIDENT MILAN
RAMLJAK COMPLAINED BITTERLY TO UN GENERAL NAMBIAR
ABOUT THE ALLEGED EXPULSION OF 98 CIVILIANS FROM
SECTOR EAST BY SERB FORCES AFTER UNPROFOR TOOK OVER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGION. FROM THE CROATIAN
PERSPECTIVE, THESE EVENTS CONTINUE TO PUT INTO
QUESTION THE ABILITY OF UNPROFOR TO CARRY OUT ITS
MISSION. END SUMMARY.

UNPROFOR COMMENTS ON SECTOR EAST

2. (C) WE QUERIED UNPROFOR ZAGREB SENIOR LIAISON
OFFICER FOR CIVILIAN AFFAIRS MIKAEL MAGNUSSON
(PROTECT) MAY 18 ON THE STATUS OF UN PEACEKEEPING
OPERATIONS IN SECTOR EAST (OSIJEK, VINKOVCI, VUKOVAR,
ETC.). IN FRANK AND ADMITTEDLY UNOFFICIAL
COMMENTARY, MAGNUSSON TOLD US THAT OPERATIONS IN THAT
SECTOR WERE PROCEEDING "STICKINGLY". WHILE CROATIAN
FORCES WERE ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMETABLE
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR FORCES FROM THE REGION, THE
JNA, EXPLAINED MAGNUSSON, WAS APPARENTLY TRYING TO
"BEND" THE TIMETABLE. WHILE THE REASONS FOR JNA
RELUCTANCE TO WITHDRAW WERE NOT CLEAR, MAGNUSSON'S
UNDERSTANDING (THOUGH HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS) WAS
THAT THE JNA HAD RECEIVED UNPROFOR PERMISSION TO
EXTEND THE DEADLINE BY WHICH HEAVY ARTILLERY WAS TO
BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE UNPA. THE JNA IN SECTOR EAST
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WAS NOW REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW ALL HEAVY ARTILLERY FROM
THAT UNPA BY 1600 ON MAY 20. THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE
WAS SET FOR 0800 ON MAY 18.

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13. (C) MAGNUSSON NOTED THE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS, PARTICULARLY AROUND OSIJEK. UNPROFOR PATROLS WERE COVERING ALL OF SECTOR EAST, HE EXPLAINED, AND RANDOM PATROLS WERE BEING RUN IN CRISIS AREAS OUTSIDE THE UNPA. SO FAR, SAID MAGNUSSON, UN PEACEKEEPERS WERE "TAKING NAMES, BUT NOT KICKING ASS." THEY HAD FILED COMPLAINTS WITH THE JNA CONCERNING THE SLOWNESS OF ITS WITHDRAWAL.

CROATIAN REACTION TO THE EXTENSION

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14. (U) IMMEDIATE CROATIAN REACTION TO THE UNPROFOR-GRANTED EXTENSION CAME FROM THE DEPUTY CROATIAN COMMANDER OF THE OSIJEK OPERATIONAL ZONE BRANIMIR GLAVAS. GLAVAS TOLD REPORTERS THAT CROATIAN FORCES WERE OPPOSED TO AGREEMENTS IN WHICH THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED (NOTE: REPORTEDLY, THE CROATIAN ARMY WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS REGARDING THE EXTENSION). GLAVAS ADDED THAT THE ARMY WOULD DO WHAT ITS GOVERNMENT ASKED IT TO DO BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NAIVE. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT

"IF BY PEACEFUL MEANS, CROATIAN TERRITORY CANNOT BE
LIBERATED, THEN WE WILL THANK UNPROFOR AND SAY DEAR
SIRS, NOW IT IS FOR US TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE." GLAVAS
CONCLUDED THAT THROUGH ACTIONS SUCH AS THE EXTENSION,
UNPROFOR WAS LOSING ITS POLITICAL CREDIBILITY.

CROATIAN ANGER OVER MORE EXPULSIONS

15. (U) CROATIAN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE
STATE COMMISSION FOR UNPROFOR MILAN RAMLJAK ADDRESSED
A SHARPLY WORDED LETTER TO UN COMMANDER SATISH
NAMBIAR MAY 18 COMPLAINING OF FURTHER EXPULSIONS OF
CIVILIANS FROM SECTOR EAST BY SERB/JNA FORCES. THE
TEXT OF RAMLJAK'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

-- AFTER MY LETTER TO YOU TODAY IN WHICH I WARNED
YOU THAT THE DELAY IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE JNA AND
IN DISARMAMENT OF PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS IS
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ENCOURAGING THE SERBIAN SIDE AND CAUSING NEW VICTIMS
AND DAMAGE, I RECEIVED WITH CONSTERNATION THE NEWS
THAT YESTERDAY, AT 1900H, A GROUP OF 98 TORMENTED
REFUGEES FROM THE VILLAGTE OF MIKLUSEVCI ARRIVED IN
VINKOVCI. THE REFUGEES ARE OF RUTHENIAN
NATIONALITY. I WISH TO REMIND YOU THAT IT IS A

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QUESTION OF A CRIME COMMITTED IN THE SECTOR WHICH IS UNDER YOUR CONTROL. ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 12 OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 752, YOU TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SECTOR ON MAY 15, 1992 AND THEREFORE YOU ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXILE AND SUFFERING OF THESE UNFORTUNATE PERSONS. THEY EXPECTED YOUR PROTECTION, INSTEAD THEY WERE EXPOSED TO THE RUDEST VIOLENCE.

-- IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE EXILE WAS DONE WITH THE PROTECTION AND KNOWLEDGE OF UNPROFOR. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS IS A CASE OF FAILURE IN THE EXECUTION OF THE PEACE OPERATION IN SECTOR "E"

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AND THEREFORE I REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

-- UNPROFOR UNITS MUST URGENTLY ORGANIZE THE RETURN OF THESE 98 REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES GIVING THEM FULL ASSISTANCE.

-- TO ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORIZED COMMANDER WHO FAILED TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY MEASURES IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS CRIME.

END TEXT.

COMMENT

16. (C) AS WE NOTED IN REFTTEL, CROATIA IS ANXIOUSLY WATCHING THE RESULTS OF UNPROFOR'S FIRST OPERATIONAL SECTOR. AFTER THE WEEKEND SHELLING OF OSIJEK, THE DECISION TO EXTEND THE JNA'S TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL AND THE ALLEGED SERBIAN EXPULSION OF CIVILIANS FROM MIKLUSEVCI HAS FURTHER DEGRADED RESPECT FOR UNPROFOR'S CAPABILITIES IN THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT, ARMY AND AMONG THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE. WHILE CROATIAN EXPECTATIONS MAY BE TOO HIGH, THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF UNPROFOR FAIRNESS AND ABILITY TO DO THE JOB WILL BE CRITICAL TO SUCCESS IN THE REMAINING SECTORS DUE TO COME UNDER UN CONTROL. END COMMENT.
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